

campaign before opening Hecht, Spencer & Associates, a firm that celebrated its 35th Anniversary last year.

I was a beneficiary of Bill's education and experience over many hours spent at his favorite table at the Capitol Hill Club. He could philosophize on any number of subjects and would hold all of us there at the table in rapt attention with stories from his past or explanations of why his St. Louis Cardinals were the greatest franchise in baseball history. The Club will never be the same without him and he will always be in my thoughts when I am there.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to the Hecht family and Bill's many friends. Although Bill may be gone, his legacy and memory will live on.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, due to a personal conflict, I was unable to make votes. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on rollcall No. 307.

REMEMBERING XAVIER JOY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, Xavier Joy should have spent this week enjoying the summer, working with the students he loved so much and thinking about his future. Instead, we are mourning the loss of this exceptional young man, who wanted nothing more than to care for his family and friends and continue his commitment to community service.

Xavier had already accomplished so much in his far too-short life. He touched many, many lives, as witnessed by the outpouring of sorrow and love from friends, family, and community leaders. He was a help and an inspiration, especially for children and young students struggling to overcome barriers and improve their lives.

Xavier was the cherished son of Nykea Pippion-McGriff and Ra Joy. Ra served my office and the residents of the 9th Congressional District for six years and went on to lead the Illinois Arts Alliance and serve as executive director of CHANGE Illinois. Like his father, Xavier was drawn to people and excited about making a difference.

A graduate of Whitney Young Magnet High School, Xavier attended Morehouse College and played football. He certainly had many life choices ahead of him, but he clearly caught the bug for public service from both his parents, as was evident in his work as a special education classroom assistant, and his time at City Year Chicago. He chose the path of empowering others. He was a mentor and a role model for students in Chicago and Evanston schools. He already had achieved so much but sadly we will never know what heights he would have reached.

Tragically, Xavier was a victim of the epidemic of gun violence that is plaguing our country and destroying the futures of so many bright, smart and giving people. His senseless death is a cause of incredible grief and loss, but it should also inspire all of us to follow his call to serve, to end gun violence and to ensure that every child has the tools and the support he or she needs to succeed.

As a mother, I cannot begin to understand the grief that Xavier's parents are feeling. My heart is aching for Ra and his wife Falona, Nykea and her husband Arthur, his brothers and sister, and his friends and family. I hope there is some comfort in knowing how many people loved Xavier, how many were touched by his kindness and caring, and how many will continue to hold him in their thoughts and prayers.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2017 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 20

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Patrick M. Shanahan, of Washington, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet
To hold hearings to examine the Universal Service Fund and rural broadband.

SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2018 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-366

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine reviewing Congressional authorizations for the use of military force.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the assault on the First Amendment on college campuses.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the Food and Drug Administration.

SD-192

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the Federal Communications Commission.

SD-138

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining

To hold hearings to examine collaborative initiatives, focusing on restoring watersheds and large landscapes across boundaries through state and Federal partnerships.

SD-366

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife

To hold hearings to examine innovative financing and funding, focusing on addressing America's crumbling water infrastructure.

SD-406

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism

To hold hearings to examine concurrent congressional and criminal investigations, focusing on lessons from history.

SD-226

JUNE 21

9 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on SeaPower

To hold hearings to examine Navy ship-building programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2018 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-124

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of David P. Pekoske, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

SR-253

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2018 and the trade policy agenda.

SD-215

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Russell Vought, of Virginia,